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Matters relating to the work of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 87/50 of 19 June 1987, 87/1 of 17 February 1987, 90/53 of 23 June 1990 and 90/23 of 23 June 1990 regarding rationalizing and streamlining the work of the Governing Council,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the Governing Council to oversee and provide guidance for the programme,

1. Requests the Administrator to include in his annual report information on the following:

(a) Implementation of country, regional, interregional, global and Special Programme Resources-funded programmes;

(b) Important highlights of activities of Funds under the authority of the Administrator;

(c) Important steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme in response to action by the General Assembly and by other organs and organizations of the United Nations system;

(d) Human Development Report;

(e) Any other aspects of the United Nations Development Programme operations taking place during the year which should be called to the attention of the Governing Council;

2. Decides to establish at its organizational session a programme of work for the Governing Council which will give appropriate time for consideration of these items, after identifying those likely to require a decision by the Council;

3. Decides to consider annually the following items:

(a) National execution and national capacity-building;

(b) Evaluation;

(c) Matters relating to the fifth programming cycle;

(d) Issues relating to programme quality and the comparative advantage of the United Nations Development Programme;

(e) United Nations Population Fund;

(f) A progress report on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in combating the human immune deficiency virus infection (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(g) Annual review of the financial situation (including trust funds);

(h) Revised budget estimates for the current biennium;

(i) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme;

4. Decides to consider the following items when the programming document is approved, in a mid-term review, and when the programme is evaluated upon completion:

(a) Management Development Programme;

(b) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;

(c) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(d) Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America;

(e) Country, intercountry, global and Special Programme Resources programmes and projects;

(f) Programmes/project development activities, including the Project Development Facility, and assistance in aid coordination, and focal point for the United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources;

5. Decides to consider the following items on a biennial basis:

(a) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(b) Women in development;

(c) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in combating HIV and AIDS;

(d) Matters relating to the least developed countries;

(e) Assistance to national liberation movements;

(f) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(g) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

(h) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(i) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

(j) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(k) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(l) Audit reports;

(m) Report on the status of management services;

(n) Financial regulations: matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(o) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures;

(p) Procurement from developing countries;

6. Decides to consider the following items on a triennial basis:

(a) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

(b) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

7. Decides that its agenda for the thirty-ninth session (1992) shall include the following additional items:

(a) Micro-capital grants in accordance with Governing Council decision 90/15 of 22 June 1990;

(b) UNDP Gulf Task Force;

(c) United Nations Development Programme assistance in private sector development;

(d) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

(e) Refugees, displaced persons, returnees and humanitarian affairs;

(f) Follow-up to the recommendations of the management consultants' report on the senior management structure of the United Nations Development Programme;

(g) Support costs successor arrangements;

(h) United Nations Population Fund: Review of the agenda of the Governing Council with a view to further streamlining;

8. Requests the Administrator to include in his annual report his views on the following items, as a basis for the high-level debate:

(a) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the operational activities of the United Nations system;

(b) Human development;

9. Decides that its agenda for the fortieth session (1993) shall include the following additional item entitled "Environment and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development";

10. Requests the Administrator to provide for the organizational and regular sessions of the Governing Council a table indicating the items included in the agenda for the previous year, the present year and the two subsequent years;

11. Decides to review, at each session of the Governing Council, the items planned for inclusion in the agenda of the following session, with a view to eliminating consideration of those items that are no longer relevant and to streamlining further the agenda of the Council.